

Overview:

The ETIC has broad oversight over a range of energy and telecommunication-related topics in Montana. Issues ranging from promoting energy resource development and enhancing transmission services to assuring that 9-1-1 emergency telephone services are protected as new technologies develop are a few of the issues that have been tackled by the ETIC in the past. As outlined in state law, the committee generally:

1. **Conducts interim studies** as assigned by the Legislative Council. At this time, the 2007-2008 interim committee has not been assigned any studies.
2. **Reviews administrative rules** of the Department of Public Service Regulation (DPSR) and the Public Service Commission (PSC).
3. **Reviews legislation** proposed by DPSR or the PSC.
4. **Monitors the operation of the DPSR and PSC** with specific attention to the following:
 - a. identification of issues likely to require future legislative attention;
 - b. opportunities to improve existing law through the analysis of problems experienced with the application of the law by the agency; and
 - c. experiences of Montana's citizens with the operation of the agency that may be amenable to improvement through legislative action.
5. **(Committee driven):** Prepares bills and resolutions that, in the committee's opinion, the welfare of the state may require for presentation to the next regular session of the Montana Legislature.
6. **(Committee driven):** Compiles, analyzes, and furnishes information bearing upon the committee's assignment and relevant to existing or prospective legislation that the committee determines to be pertinent to the adequate completion of its work.

Tentative meeting dates:

Date	Location	Agenda	Summary minutes	Staff reports (as available)
July 10	Room 102, State Capitol, Helena			
September 6 & 7 (Tentative)	Room 172, State Capitol, Helena			

Related links:

<http://www.psc.state.mt.us/>

<http://www.deq.state.mt.us/energy/index.asp>

<http://www.ferc.gov/>